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Lassen Volcanic National Park Public Notice

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Emergency Closure

Due to an increase in negative bear and human interactions Lassen Volcanic National Park is implementing an emergency closure affecting food storage. During overnight trips within the Lassen Volcanic National Parks wilderness areas approved food storage containers are now required.

Location: Lassen Volcanic National Park

Authority: Authority for this closure lies in Title 36 Code of Federal Regulations Part 1.5(a) Closures and public use limits.

Regulation: 36 CFR 2.10(d) Camping and Food Storage

(d) Food storage. The superintendent may designate all or a portion of a park area where food, lawfully taken fish or wildlife, garbage, and equipment used to cook or store food must be kept sealed in a vehicle, or in a camping unit that is constructed of solid, non-pliable material, or suspended at least 10 feet above the ground and 4 feet horizontally from a post, tree trunk, or other object, *or shall be stored as otherwise designated*. Violation of this restriction is prohibited. This restriction does not apply to food that is being transported, consumed, or prepared for consumption.

Closure: 36 CFR 2.10(d) The following conditions are established to regulate food storage:

Food Storage –Wilderness Areas

- Any person camping within the Lassen Volcanic National Park wilderness is required to store food items, items carrying food scents and toiletries in a bear resistant food storage container that is allowed for use in the park by the NPS.
- All other food storage systems are prohibited.
- When requested, any person camping, intending to camp or permitted to camp within the Lassen Volcanic National Park wilderness must provide proof that they are in possession of an approved bear resistant food storage container.
- Food, toiletries and scented items must be properly stored when items are not being transported, consumed or prepared for consumption, or when items are unattended (greater than six feet away of an awake person).

- An exception to the above requirements is granted for winter beginning December 1st and ending April 15th.

Food storage regulations balance visitor use and protection of Lassen's wildlife, including, but not limited to, bears. Food, toiletries, and scented items must be stored properly to ensure that park wildlife does not access it. Food storage methods other than those described above are not approved by Lassen National Park and/or have shown to be ineffective in preventing wildlife from retrieving food.

Allowed Canisters

- ***Backpacker Model 812 (Garcia)***
www.backpackerscache.com
- ***BearVault 110b, 200, 250, 300, 350, 400, 450, and 500***
www.bearvault.com
- ***Bearikade Weekender MKII (1766 and higher) and Expedition MKII (1766 and higher)***
www.wildideas.net
- ***The Bear Keg (Counter Assault)***
www.counterassault.com
- ***The Bare Boxer Contender (101) and Champ (202)***
www.bareboxer.com
- ***Lighter1 Big Daddy and Little Sami***
www.lighter1.com UDAP NoFedBear www.udap.com

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